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Title: THERMOSTABLE ENZYMES HAVING AMINOTRANSFERASE
ACTIVITY, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THEM AND METHODS
OF MAKING AND USING THEM

The prior application is assigned of record to National Institute of Advanced
Industrial Science and Technology, a Tokyo, Japan corporation, by virtue of an
assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on September
28, 2001 at 012227/0570.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	30
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Declaration	5
Drawing(s)	3

Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 5 pages.
- Copies of Forms PTO-1449 and 892 from parent case.
- Request Under 37 CFR §1.821(e) to Transfer Computer Readable Form.
- Copy of Sequence Listing from parent case.
- Copy of Petition for 3-month Extension of time being filed concurrently in
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This application is a divisional and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/967,645, filed September 28, 2001, which application is a continuation in part (CIP) and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to Patent Convention Treaty (PCT) International Application Serial No: PCT/JP99/01696, filed March 31, 1999. The aforementioned application is explicitly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.

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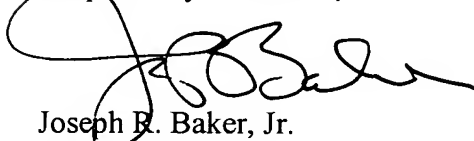
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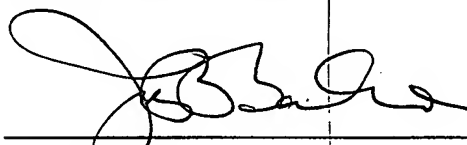
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